

John Coffee to Andrew Jackson, March 25, 1812, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOHN COFFEE.

Lebanon, March 25, 1812, 9 oclock at night.

D'r Sir . This momoment Mr John Childress gave me the information inclosed. I have Issued my Division order to Genl Winchester (who is now with me) to immediately march with his volunteers, to Rendesvous at Philips horse mill, with Eight days provission for man and horse, and forty rounds of amunition, and to proceed on to the Fishing ford on Duck river, unless otherwise orderd. I wish you immediately to Issue orders to Colo. Searcy and Henderson, to march their volunteers immediately to the relief of the frontier. I shall expect to meet you and their volunteers on friday next at Philips horse mill but if you find that they can be raised sooner, and information reaches you confirming the Carnage and the danger of that frontier you will proceed immediately to the spot where the mischief is doing and done, and render relief as far as you can to the sufferring families—but not to attempt to persue the indians beyond the frontier without sufficient force to insure success untill the main body gets up. you will coopy the inclosed and give each Colo. a coopy of the order, with such other adit[i]on as you may deem necessary from any other information you may have recd. in haste your friend